

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 5, bottom of the page, change the header to --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF
THE INVENTION--

Page 6, last full paragraph, alter the paragraph as follows:

--Fig. 3 illustrates a part of one of the plug boards 12 and a part of one of the patching cords 8. In this case, four optical adapters 7 are illustrated on the plug board 12, and the optical connector plugs 9a and 9b each having a memory function 10 are respectively connected to one of the patching cords 8. The memory function unit 10 on each of the optical connector plugs 9a and 9b is formed into an outer embeddable coupler 15, as illustrated in perspective view in Fig. 4. However, the memory function unit 10 can be fixedly mounted on a body 14 of each optical connector plug 9a or 9b--.

Page 12, first full paragraph, please delete in its entirety and substitute:

-- The indicators 19 can be lit up in two different colors--green and red, for example-- such that if an incorrect insertion is detected between the insertion of the optical connector plug 9 of the patching cord 8 into the optical adapter 7 and the correct connection data (i.e., wiring map) of the entire communication equipment cannot take place, a control signal indicating this incorrect insertion will be sent from the personal

computer 18 and the questionable position of the optical adapter 7, positioned as it is at the incorrect connection, will be indicated by a lit-up red LED. --